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TO : Legislative Counsel

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FROM : Director of Security

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SUBJECT: 85th Congress, 1st Session - H.R. 2810, H.R. 2767 and H.R. 3497 -  
Proposed Bills "To amend section 161 of the Revised Statutes with  
respect to the authority of Federal officers and agencies to withhold  
information and limit the availability of records."

Ref : Three Notices of Pending Legislation All dtd 4 Feb 57

1. The references requested the comment of this Office  
concerning the subject proposed legislation.

2. Section 161 of the Revised Statutes of the United States  
(5 U.S.C. 22) reads as follows:

"The Head of each department is authorized to  
prescribe regulations, not inconsistent with law, for the  
government of his department, the conduct of its officers  
and clerks, the distribution and performance of its business,  
and the custody, use and preservation of the records,  
papers, and property appertaining to it."

3. It is not believed that these three pending Bills will  
have any security effect upon this Agency.

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